

Says President's Game Plan has Failed

(Washington, DC) Congressman Tim Ryan (OH-17) voted against the White House's compromise with Congress that stripped the Iraq Supplemental of its timelines for withdrawal today. Rep. Ryan cited his continuing commitment to bringing our troops home and his refusal to allow the administration to continue its failed policies in Iraq.

Congressman Ryan remarked, **"I voted against this compromise because I support our troops. It has become clear that the only real way to support them now is to bring them home as soon as possible."**

After consulting with local vets and citing the \$378 billion price tag for the war so far, Congressman Ryan believed it was irresponsible to give President Bush another blank check.

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Congressman Ryan also pledged to fight for enforceable benchmarks in upcoming legislation on the war. In July, Congress is scheduled to take up the Department of Defense Appropriations bill and in September, another Iraq supplemental will need to be passed in order for the war to continue in fiscal year 2008.

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"I plan to use my position on the Appropriations committee to ensure that these future bills slated to fund the Department of Defense and Iraq contain provisions that will end this horrible conflict. I will fight to end this war by any means necessary."

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